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Catherine Weidman Mentzer
(1794-1868)

On her tombstone it says that she was the "Daughter of Jacob Weidmann". This seems to indicate that her father was of some standing in the area.

Her grave, as well as those of some other early Mentzers, is located near the fence close to the gate where one enters the cemetery at <u>old</u> Mellinger's Church, Schoeneck.

There was a Taufschein in the North Museum, Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, which in part read:

> "Jacob Weydmann and Barbara (Huberin) of Cocalico Township are the parents of John Friderich Weydmann, born 16 August 1764 at 9 P.M. Planet Mars in the sign of Widders."

It is unlikely that this Jacob was Catherine's father, but he may have had a son or nephew who was.

(This Taufschein was, of course, in German. I saw it in the North Museum shortly after it was opened to the public. The staff there could not locate it when I stopped in again in December, 1970. They suggested that it might have been moved to the Landis Valley Museum.)

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